

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

February 27, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

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The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) advises the State Board of Education on matters concerning the education of children with disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires that this advisory committee include a 51% representation of persons with, or parents of children with, disabilities (ages birth through 26).

Attachment A lists the organizations currently represented on the SEAC. Attachment B lists the names of four persons nominated to fill At-Large vacancies. The biographical resumes of those persons nominated as At-Large members to the SEAC are found in Attachment C.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve four At-Large nominees to the SEAC for the terms specified, as listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated February 27, 2012.

ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Organization		
1.	American Federation of Teachers Michigan	AFTMi
2.	Association for Children's Mental Health	ACMH
3.	Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4.	Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
5.	Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
6.	Michigan Alliance for Families	MAF
7.	Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders	MACED
8.	Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	MASCD
9.	Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
10.	Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
11.	Michigan Association of Intermediate Special Ed. Administrators	MAISEA
12.	Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
13.	Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional	MATEDC
	Impairments	
14.	Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
15.	Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
16.	Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
17.	Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
18.	Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
19.	Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
20.	Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
21.	Michigan Education Association	MEA
22.	Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
23.	Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
24.	Statewide Parent Advisory Committee	SPAC

In addition to the organizational seats, eight At-Large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education. Presently, the Board is being asked to fill four At-Large vacancies.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Individual Nominations to Fill Vacancies and their Respective Terms of Service

Name	Representing	Length of Term		
Sara Ann Park	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014		
Celena Barnes*	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015		
Dorie France*	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015		
Frank Liberati*	At-Large	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015		
*Person with or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability				

Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee Michigan State Board of Education

At-Large Term of Appointment: <u>July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014</u>

Name: Sara Ann Park				
Name: Sara Amir rank				
Business Address:	Home Address:			
Cassopolis Public Schools	22359 Maple Street			
Cassopolis, Michigan 49031	Cassopolis, Michigan 49031			
Dowagiac Union Schools				
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047				
Business Telephone: 269-445-0511 or 269-782-4440	Cell Phone: 269-591-9849			
Business E-mail: spark@cassopolis.org	Home E-mail: sarapark1@frontier.com			
spark@dowagiacschools.org	·			
Present Position:				
Special Education Supervisor for Cassopolis Pub	olic Schools and Dowagiac Union Schools			
Category 🔲 Organization:				
	Delegate and Special Education Director			
☐ Board Member's Nominee				
(indicate name of Board Member):				
Race:* Caucasian	Gender: \square Male \boxtimes Female			
☐ Native American				
African-American				
Hispanic				
Asian				
Other				
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)				
Prior Experience:				
1994 – 2003 Special Educator, Benton Harbor Are				
2004 – 2006 Special Educator, Dowagiac Union S				
2006 – 2008 Child Study Coordinator and Special				
2009 – currently Special Education Supervisor thr	ough Lewis Cass Intermediate School District			
assigned to locals				
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:	OLIL (OEO) MILI A			
Membership is current in Council for Exceptional (Lniidren (CEC), Michigan Association of			
Administrators in Special Education (MAASE).				
Education:	South Todieses Bosses in Elements and			
Bachelor of Science, Indiana University at South E				
Special Education; Master Degree in Special Education, Grand Valley State University, Allendale,				
Michigan; Educational Specialist Degree at Grand Valley State University. Currently Enrolled.				
Miscellaneous Information: McKinney - Vento Homeless Liaison; son has severe learning				
disability and is aged 28.				
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"persons with or parents of a child with a disability." If a parent, the child needs to be under 26				
years of age and receiving special education services for the duration of the appointment. To				
ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that				
definition.				
∐ Yes	⊠ No			

Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee Michigan State Board of Education

At-Large Term of Appointment: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015

Name: Celena Barnes				
Business Address:	Home Address:			
3111 Grand River Ave.	8628 Kentucky			
Detroit, Michigan 48208	Detroit, Michigan 48204			
Business Telephone: 313-557-8683	Cell Phone: 313-829-8894 Home Phone: 313-935-0965			
Business E-mail:	Home E-mail:			
celena@michiganallianceforfamilies.org	specialneeds1@live.com			
Present Position: Regional Parent Mentor, Michigan	gan Amance for Families			
Category Organization:				
Other: Self Nominated				
Board Member's Nominee				
(indicate name of Board Member):				
Race:* Caucasian G	Gender: 🗌 Male 🔃 Female			
Native American				
African-American				
☐ Hispanic				
☐ Asian				
☐ Other				
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representate	cion)			
Prior Experience: Regional Technologist, Focus Ho				
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:	Detroit Public Schools, Special Education			
Advisory Committee; Michigan Interagency Coord				
Committee, Wayne State University, Development				
Community Mental Health Agency Community Plan				
Council, Diversity Committee; Michigan Alliance for Families, Detroit/Wayne County Advisory				
Council				
Education: Focus Hope Machinist Training Institute, Pre-Engineering Program; Grand Valley				
State University Teaching Program; Mumford High	n School, Detroit, Michigan.			
Miscellaneous Information:_10 year old daughter – IEP, Speech delay				
12 year old daughter – IEP, Autism				
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ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that				
definition.				
⊠ Yes	□ No			
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Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee Michigan State Board of Education

At-Large Term of Appointment: <u>July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015</u>

Name: Dorie France			
Business Address:	Home Address:		
224 Suite 2 Newberry Avenue	308 W. McMillan Avenue		
P.O. Box 575	P.O. Box 575		
Newberry, Michigan 49868	Newberry, Michigan 49868		
Business Telephone: 906-293-8984	Cell Phone: 906-322-4985		
Business E-mail: dfrance@speakseducation.org	Home E-mail: advocatedorie@live.com		
Present Position: Executive Director of SPEAKS	Education		
Category Organization: Other: Michelle Miller, Michigan Alliance for Families Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):			
Race:* Caucasian	Gender:		
☐ Native American☐ African-American			
Hispanic			
Asian			
Other			
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)			
Prior Experience: Parent mentor for 20 years. SPE			
have worked in collaboration with MAF and all of t			
community agencies. SPEAKS received the Comn OSEP in 2010 and in 2011 Michigan Department of			
grant towards mileage and promotion/media mate			
disability, and an 11 year old child with ASD. I wo			
Upper Peninsula and would appreciate the chance			
the children in Michigan and the educational depa			
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations:	Chairperson for the EUPISD for the last 6		
years; Fetal Alcohol Certified Trainer; served for			
Council for the EUP; START Transition Committee	; Member of the HSCB (Health Services		
Collaborative Body) for Luce County			
Education: High School Diploma; Associates Degree in Social Work/Human Services; Liberal Arts.			
Certificates in trainings related to ASD; Certified F			
Wisconsin; Trained in substance abuse and domestic violence through "Teen Ranch"; trained in IEP, Transition, IFSP, Office of Civil Rights Laws. I have also gone through the SOSY training for			
Leadership and Board management through the Great Lakes Youth Committee on Disabilities.			
Miscellaneous Information: I feel that I can serve the SEAC board as a parent with a child who			
has disabilities and as an Executive Director who has served special education children for			
numerous years. SPEAKS Education is the only CPRC in the state and the only one in the UP. I			
would be honored to be chosen as representative on the SEAC from the Upper Peninsula.			
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definition. 	□ No		
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Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee Michigan State Board of Education

At-Large Term of Appointment: __July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015

Name: Frank Liberati				
Business Address:	Home Address:			
7607 Allen Road	9068 Quandt			
Alllen Park, Michigan 48101	Allen Park, Michigan 48101			
Business Telephone: 313-928-8000	Home Telephone: 313-381-2834			
Business E-mail: liberatisdeli@aol.com	Home E-mail: FLiberati@aol.com			
Present Position: Owner, Liberati's Italian Deli & Bakery President, Allen Park Public Schools Board of Education				
Category Organization: Other: Self Nominated Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):				
Race:*	Gender: ⊠ Male ☐ Female			
(*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)				
Prior Experience: 14 year old son, Antonio, has a severe cognitive disability. I have been on various advisory committees and other advocate/support groups since he was two years of age. Currently I am an Alternate member on the Special Education Advisory Committee representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.				
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Allen Park Board of Education President, 2006 – present; Fragile X Association of Michigan, Board of Directors				
Education: Bachelor of Arts, Marketing, Michigan State University				
Miscellaneous Information:				
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⊠ Yes	□ No			